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Response

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Remarks

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action mailed July 7, 2002. Applicant respectfully submits that the present Amendment is a reply to every objection or rejection raised in the Office Action and places the application in condition for allowance. The following remarks address the objections, rejections and comments made by the Examiner in the order that the objections, rejections and comments appear in the Office Action mailed July 7, 2002. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider the application in view of the following remarks.

Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant acknowledges and appreciates the Examiner's review and acknowledgment of the IDS filed October 1, 1999.

Response to Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-13, 16-23, 25 and 26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,002,017 to Rousseau et al. (hereinafter Rousseau) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,955,546 to Bates et al. (hereinafter Bates). Claims 14, 15 and 24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as unpatentable over Rousseau in view of Bates and U.S. Patent No. 5,707,735 to Midkiff et al. (hereinafter Midkiff).

Applicants' invention relates to an electret material that comprises a thermoplastic polymer and a miscible thermoplastic telomer. Rousseau relates to specific compounds useful as resin additives that can be blended with a nonconductive